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REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 17-32 and the indication that Claims 7 and 8 are patentable. In response, the application has been amended to place it in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application as amended are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to correct some typographical errors. No new matter is added.

Claims 4 and 8 have been amended to correct typographical errors and to overcome the objections.

Claims 1 and 10-16 have been canceled to obviate the rejections thereto.

Claim 7, which is indicated as being patentable in the Office Action, has been amended as an independent claim to include all features recited in its original base Claim 1.

Therefore, Claim 7 as amended is allowable.

Claims 2-6 have been amended to change their dependence from the base Claim 1 to Claim 7 as amended. Because Claim 7 as amended is allowable, Claims 2-6 are allowable and the rejections to Claims 2-6 have been obviated.

Claim 8, which is indicated as being patentable in the Office Action, has been amended as an independent claim to include all features recited in its original base Claim 1.

Therefore, Claim 8 as amended is allowable.

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In addition, new dependent Claims 33-38 have been added to depend on Claim 8 as amended and are based on the original specification. Because Claim 8 as amended is allowable, the new Claims 33-38 are also allowable for their dependence on Claim 8.

In summary, all objections and rejections have been fully obviated or overcome by the above amendments to claims.

Therefore, all pending claims are patentable and are allowable. Accordingly, the application as amended is now in a full condition for allowance.

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